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We aim to SPARKLE!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou to all or NHS staff and key workers who are supporting us all during this dreadful Coronavirus crisis.

Thankyou to everyone who has Stayed Safe at home following government guidelines.

If you have an older sibling or family member under 70 who can help, then the government and our advice remains the same. Try and swap your shifts to enable you to share childcare. **YOU SHOULD NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.**

If you have identified yourself as a key worker, for whom finding alternative childcare is impossible, and registered your child for care with us, you will have already informed us. We have a form ready in school that you must complete.

Please keep in touch with us through Class Dojo sharing your child's work and activities that they have been completing at home.

We have supported 2 families this week and we have one pupil in school during this next week. We have organised a rota with the staff we have available to support where and when needed. We will continue to offer childcare to families where needed, including over Easter.

If your circumstances change then we must know at least a day ahead so I can sort staffing provision and daily deep cleaning.

You will be aware of the increased risk of infection that occurs when groups of people meet –we are following the government's directive to be the very last resort for key workers.

If your circumstances have changed, and you no longer need our support, can you please let us know as soon as possible be calling/messaging the SCHOOL MOBILE(07801385914) or by emailing admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk or using Class do-jo.

Things are changing and evolving on a daily basis so the following information may change.

If and when changes are necessary, I will contact you with an update.



Arrangements as follows:

- We are providing care for your child – not teaching, but care. They will be under adult supervision throughout the day, but this will almost certainly not be their usual teacher. There will be no 1-2-1 support available, even if your child has special educational needs.
- Children will spend the day working through some tasks which have been set online by their teachers, and which we are expecting all pupils to do during this closure.
- All pupils will be cared for in the Early Years Unit not the main school. Please arrive at the main office.
- The children do not have to wear school uniform, this must be changed daily to avoid the virus spreading as it can survive on clothes and hair. **NO JEWELLERY AT ALL PLEASE!**
- **We are providing this service between 8.50am and 3.15pm, our usual school hours.**
- **There will be no food available on site, so please provide a packed lunch.**
- If your child is entitled to free school meals you will be offered Co-op vouchers from us as soon as we have them which will allow you to purchase food to provide their lunch, this is being organised at the moment. We can confirm the order has gone through and they should be on their way.

Help for those who need it!

The parish council are offering support in the village for all families who are self-isolating if they are requesting assistance with shopping or medication:

Contact Numbers – Parish 07391548264 and Gareth Tait 07811130808. Please call them if you need them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for the work you're doing to help in the fight against COVID-19. We want to keep all our families and staff safe.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Stay Safe-Mrs L Laskey – Head